

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 9, 2007. In the Final Office Action, the previous rejections to claims 16-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, were withdrawn in view of Applicants' arguments, the rejections to claims 1-19 and 21-27 were maintained, and claim 20 was viewed to recite allowable subject matter.

With this Response, claim 20 has been cancelled and claims 1, 19, 24, and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-19 and 21-27 remain pending in the application and are presented for consideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-10, 16, 19, 21-23, and 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Mori. Claims 1-10, 16-19, and 21-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Kakuta. Claims 17 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mori.

Claim 20 was viewed to recite allowable subject matter.

With this Response, independent claims 1, 24, and 26 have been amended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 to recite a portion of the allowable subject matter of claim 20. It is believed that none of the cited references teach or suggest the limitations of amended independent claims 1, 24, or 26, such that all of claims 1-19 and 21-27 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of pending claims 1-19 and 21-27 and a timely Notice of Allowance for claims 1-19 and 21-27 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-19 and 21-27 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-19 and 21-27 is respectfully requested.

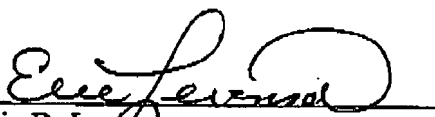
The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) of \$810 is submitted with the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. If other fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0069.

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